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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION FOR COUPLE

Certified Copy of Marriage License/Certificate

It is important for you to obtain a certified copy of your marriage license/certificate at the Register of Deeds Office in the county in which you were married. You **do not** receive a copy of your license after your marriage; you **must purchase** one in the Register of Deeds Office in the county you were married in. If you were married in Jefferson County the phone number is 920-674-7235 or stacih@jeffersoncountywi.gov.

Name Change

Wisconsin has no law requiring a woman to change her surname at marriage or to use the same surname as her husband for official purposes during marriage, although she is entitled to do so if she chooses (as is her husband entitled to change his name or use the same surname as his wife). A woman wishing to use her pre-marriage name during marriage must “customarily” and “habitually” continue to use it. She does not need to use it “exclusively”, but must use it “consistently” for the purpose she decides to use it.

Social Security

The only Social Security surname requirement is that a person’s card is in the name he or she works under. Forms to make name changes are available at the Social Security web site www.socialsecurity.gov or you may call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). You will be required to provide a Certified Copy of your Marriage License to change your name on your Social Security Card. The Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Department requires you to change your name on your Social Security Card before your driver’s license.

Automobile Driver’s License and Automobile Registration

You must notify the Motor Vehicle Department if you change your address. When a name change occurs, the Motor Vehicle Department suggests you go to the nearest Motor Vehicle Department to apply for a corrected license. You will be required to provide a Certified Copy of your Marriage License to change your name on your driver’s license. You may also need to submit your automobile title to the Motor Vehicle Department if a name change occurs.

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Voter Registration

If you are changing your name after your marriage you **MUST** also update your driver's license **and** your voter registration.

Please take a few moments to be sure your voter registration is current by going to <https://myvote.wi.gov>. You can enter your name and date of birth and it will show if you are currently registered. If the name on your Wisconsin Driver's License does not match your voter registration, or you are registered at a different address, follow the steps on <https://myvote.wi.gov> or contact your Municipal Clerk to get instructions on how to correct the information. You can find the contact information for Jefferson County Municipal Clerks on the County webpage at:

http://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/elected_officials/municipal_officials/index.php

Do not wait until Election Day to try to correct this information.

Checklist for Name Changes

Please note: this may not be a complete list.

Automobile Driver's License	<input type="checkbox"/>
Automobile Registration	<input type="checkbox"/>
Banks (checking & savings)	<input type="checkbox"/>
College or University (if a student)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Credit Cards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creditors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Insurance (Auto-Household-Health-Life)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Passport	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professional License	<input type="checkbox"/>
Property Ownership	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Security	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voter Registration	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wills	<input type="checkbox"/>